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## **Legislators Muratore, Lindsay III and Kennedy Recognize Sachem Aftershock Robotics Team**



*Photo caption:*

*Legislators Tom Muratore (second from left), Bill Lindsay III (far left), and Leslie Kennedy (far right)*

**Selden, NY** – In recognition of their outstanding season with the 2016-2017 Sachem Aftershock FIRST Robotics Competition Team 263, Suffolk County Legislators Thomas Muratore (4th District), William J. Lindsay III (8th District) and Leslie Kennedy (12th District) presented the team with a proclamation and certificates of recognition at the Legislature's recent General Meeting in Riverhead. Sachem Aftershock FIRST Robotics Competition Team 263, comprised of students from both Sachem High Schools East and North, recently competed at the 2017 World Championships held in St. Louis, Missouri. From April 26th to April 29th Aftershock competed in the Carson Subdivision against 67 other teams.

Sachem Aftershock earned its invitation to participate in the Championships after being Regional Winners at the SBPLI Long Island Regional. Held at Hofstra University from March 30<sup>th</sup> to April 1<sup>st</sup>, the event hosted a total of 55 teams from New York and Brazil. Team 263 was ranked first going into alliance selection and was captain of alliance number one. Along with chosen alliance partners, they secured the win with a tiebreaking third round in the Finals. In addition, one of the team's mentors, Robert Wentzel won the prestigious Woodie Flowers Finalist Award at the event.

"I am amazed by the talent of these young men and women on Sachem Aftershock," stated Legislator Muratore. "These bright minds will be leaders of tomorrow, serving as great role models in the fields of science and technology."